

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 93-750-C - ORDER NO. 94-619 ✓

JUNE 24, 1994

IN RE: Request of Pond Branch Telephone Company,) ORDER
Inc. for Approval of Optional Extended) APPROVING
Area Calling Plan.) TARIFF

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of a tariff filing on June 9, 1994, by Pond Branch Telephone Company (Pond Branch or the Company) for approval of revisions to its General Customer Services Tariff. This tariff filing is made in response and in compliance with Commission directives contained in Order No. 94-400, dated May 6, 1994.

On December 6, 1994, Pond Branch made a tariff filing to introduce an optional extended area calling plan known as "Pond Branch Plus +." On February 7 and February 25, 1994, the Commission held a public hearing to address the matters asserted in the tariff filing and to address the Company's rate of return. Subsequently, the Commission issued Order No. 94-400 dated May 6, 1994, which approved the "Pond Branch Plus +" Plan and set an authorized rate of return for Pond Branch. The rate of return authorized for Pond Branch in Order No. 94-400 required Pond Branch to lower rates prospectively by \$67,096. Order No. 94-400 further directed Pond Branch to file revised tariffs to reflect this reduction in rates within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Order.

The return card shows that Pond Branch received Order No. 94-400 on May 9, 1994.

By its tariff filing, Pond Branch proposes to reduce rates by eliminating CLASS and custom calling service charges and by reducing the Touch Calling tariff rate by \$0.50 per end user with Touch Calling service. According to the documentation which accompanied the tariff filing, the elimination of the CLASS and custom calling charges will reduce rates by \$11,836 while lowering the Touch Calling service will reduce rates by \$55,260.

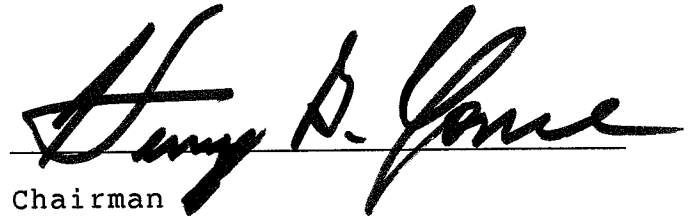
The Commission believes and so finds that approval of the tariff filing is in the public interest and is in compliance with the directives contained in Order No. 94-400. Therefore, the Commission hereby approves the tariff filing of Pond Branch.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The tariff provisions as submitted by Pond Branch are approved as filed.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)